

which I hope may bring forth a hundred fold returns to the mission work.

Another feature of our meeting was the social part. In our regular services the church does not have opportunity to enjoy the society of each other as they should. The harvest meeting gave a fine opportunity for social talks and many improved it, thereby binding them more closely to each other and all the more unitedly to the work of the church. It gives an opportunity for sister congregations to come into closer touch with each other, an opportunity which the Eaton Brethren used to their credit.

Altogether the meeting did the church good. It did the community good. We shall if God be willing look forward to a similar gathering next year with joyous anticipation, and look back to the one past with grateful hearts and take courage. Go thou and do likewise.

L. W. DITCH.

Cowan, Ind.

Harvest Home Basket Meeting

The Pleasant Hill Brethren church held their fifth annual "harvest home basket meeting," Sunday, August 13, in a grove two miles west of the church. The day was very pleasant. The people began to gather in from all directions at an early hour until there was a very large crowd, eager to hear the Word proclaimed.

Sunday-school convened at 9:00 A. M. Preaching conducted by Rev. M. S. White, our pastor, at 10:30, subject, "Victory," giving a very able discourse, setting forth clearly the necessity of work to be victorious. The afternoon services commenced at 2 P. M. giving a "harvest home sermon," making reference to the glories and beauties of nature, to the beautiful harvests of golden grain, etc. The people were eager to hear the Gospel proclaimed in all of its purity, the order and conduct is to be commended. All will receive their reward from Him who doeth all things well. May God's blessings abide on all, and may we all live to enjoy many more such meetings. C. E. STAUB.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Harvest Home Meeting

The Brethren church at Lapaz, Ind., will hold their Harvest meeting the fourth Sunday in August. The usual invitation is extended and all are welcome.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

North Manchester, Ind.

Homer Church News

Dear Brother Gnagey. Allow me to give the readers of our church paper an account of our children's day meeting which took place last evening August 13 at our church house. 1st, it was well attended. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. All the seats being taken by 7:30 P. M. (the hour set for beginning services). 2nd, nearly all of our little folks took part in the exercises of the hour and everything they undertook in the way of speaking whether young, younger or youngest. All seemed to have

learned their pieces so well that but very little prompting had to be done which in our estimation speaks well for the little lads and lasses as well as for those who look after their wants. Everything was (as we say) to the point and well rendered. The music and song services too, was inspiring and entertaining. The earnest and sincere prayer of our pastor at the onset of the meeting was very appropriate and I believe was partly answered on the spot. Please excuse my homely expression. Lord give us a good meeting. It surely was answered. A few people from Spencer, West Salem, Sullivan and Homerville attended this meeting and all whom I met since then say what a splendid meeting we had. Our Sunday school superintendent and teachers of the Sunday school of our place ought to feel proud. They ought to take courage and thank God that they can see the fruits of their labor. May God bless all the honest and sincere workers in the Sabbath schools all over our land, is the sincere wish of your correspondent.

D. J. MYERS.

Homerville, O.

Michigan

Regular services were held at New Troy on the Sunday just past. Good congregations and good interest awaited us. One more added by baptism. Thus the work goes on. Have just received a new supply of song books and hope to thus better our congregational singing by having a good supply of books.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

A Year in Ashland College

It is now almost time for Ashland College to again open her doors for the admission of students. I am fully persuaded that there are many young men and women in the brotherhood who would like to take a course of study in our beloved school with whom it is only a question of means. I have a plan which I have tested during the past year, by which any one, with sufficient energy and determination, can take a course in Ashland College in any department of study. The plan is not original with me. It is the same plan adopted and tried with success by Benjamin Franklin while learning the printing trade when he was but sixteen years old. When I read his autobiography I determined to try the same plan in going to school.

The plan is this: I board myself living upon an economical but wholesome diet. I drink neither tea nor coffee, and eat as little meat as possible. Daniel and his companions, during their three years' course at Babylon, lived upon pulse (a vegetable diet) with water to drink, and at the end of the time they were in better condition physically than their fellow students and, "In every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm." If a vegetable diet was good for students then, why should it not be now?

The labor connected with boarding one's self serves as exercise and takes the place of games. I work during the summer vacation, and with a little work of an hour or so each day during the school year, I manage to earn enough to carry me thru school. Enough can be earned in this way to pay all necessary expenses for a year at Ashland College. A student can board himself and it need not cost him more than seventy-five cents per week. Ten or twelve dollars will buy all needed cooking utensils, including a stove. By this plan one is enabled to remain constantly in school year after year until he completes his course, which is a great advantage over a broken attendance.

Of the work done in our school I can only speak in the highest terms of praise. The aim is thoroughness in every department of instruction and a pure moral tone is manifest thru-out. Many excellent thoughts were given in the chapel talks during the past year which bear a great influence upon the future lives of many students. One great object of the faculty is to create higher ideals in the minds of the students and to lead them to loftier planes of thought and to a better life. The school is deserving of a large attendance. All we need to make it a success is a greater number of students and a fifty or one hundred thousand dollar endowment fund, both of which I think we will have in time.

I submit this communication with the hope that it may inspire some one to secure a higher education. If my plan can not be adopted some other plan may suggest itself to someone who reads this article. A certain lecturer not long ago said that ill health is the only barrier to any young man or woman desiring a college education. Arrange your affairs in some way and try a year in Ashland College, and then I am sure you will want to try another year.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Ashland, Ohio.

Conemaugh, Pa.

Since I last wrote we have had three accessions to our number; and we think there are still others to follow. During this month five of the churches of our town are holding union services each Sunday evening. The first services were held in the Presbyterian church. A very large audience assembled and the writer preached the sermon. None of the pastors preach in their own pulpits. These services we think are productive of good. This congregation will be represented in the National Conference by two delegates and possibly by three.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Friendship is a vase, which, when it is flawed by heat, or violence, or accident, may as well be broken at once; it never can be trusted after. The more graceful and ornamental it was, the more clearly do we discern the hopelessness of restoring it to its former state. Coarse stones, if they are fractured, may be cemented; precious ones never.—Landor.